



# Washington's Infrastructure *Update*

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## Executive Director Update

These are difficult times for the Public Works Board and the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). As many of you know, the State has been wrangling with fully funding education as constitutionally required. The PWAA has been significantly impacted in the name of these efforts – yet the education issues are still not fully addressed. The PWAA cannot fix this problem. A choice should not be made between **either Education OR Infrastructure**; our communities need **BOTH**.

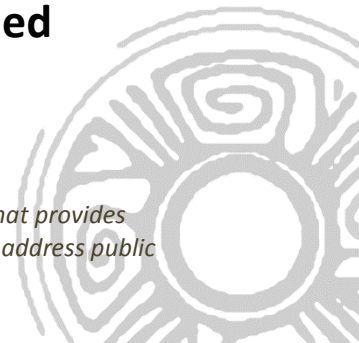
The PWAA was created by the legislature to assist local governments in meeting their infrastructure needs. Local governments have funded this dedicated account with their utility taxes. The legislature's original intent has worked: Over \$2.6 billion has been invested in local government infrastructure ensuring public health and safety, a healthy environment, and job creation. Without this resource, the sustainability and affordability of infrastructure for Washington's citizens is jeopardized.

The Board approved a recommended loan list at their October business meeting, recommending projects totaling \$97.1 million. This list is pending approval by the Legislature. Legislators need to know that these are essential infrastructure projects for communities of our state. It is important to note that being on the recommended list of projects does not guarantee financing for the project. The Legislature must approve the list and appropriate funds before financing can happen.

The Board has been asked to help address another one of the State's priorities – affordable housing. This is not just a King County issue, it is a statewide issue. The Vancouver area vacancy rate is between 2.4 and 3.5 percent. Spokane and the Tri-Cities area are also experiencing affordable housing shortages. The Board has submitted a budget request for \$100 million to assist in this effort. Resources will be used to fund traditional Board infrastructure systems that will directly result in the construction of additional housing units that meet the needs of low and moderate income persons.

~ Cecilia Gardener  
Executive Director  
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**See the Public Works Board's 2017 Recommended  
Construction Loan List on the next page.**



## Public Works Board 2017 Recommended Construction Loan List

	Applicant	Project	Loan Request	Total Project Cost	System Type	County
1	Aberdeen, City of	1st Avenue Landslide Repairs	\$372,700	\$372,000	Roads	Grays Harbor
2	Birch Bay W/S District	Automated Meter Reading System <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	Water	Whatcom
3	Bremerton, City of	Ostrich Creek Culvert Improvements	\$4,687,968	\$4,687,968	Storm	Kitsap
4	Bremerton, City of	Pine Basin Watershed Storm Sewer Improvements	\$3,881,330	\$3,881,330	Storm	Kitsap
5	Clark County	NE 10th Avenue (NE 149th to NE 164th St)	\$10,000,000	\$36,060,000	Roads	Clark
6	Kenmore, City of	61st/190th Culvert Replacement & Embankment Repair	\$1,500,000	\$1,632,450	Storm	King
7	Kennewick, City of	US 395/Ridgeline Interchange	\$6,000,000	\$23,750,231	Roads	Benton
8	Kennewick, City of	Kennewick Automated Meter Reading Project <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	Water	Benton
9	King County	Cedar Hills Regional Landfill Pump Station Repairs	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Solid Waste	King
10	King County	Cedar Hills Regional Landfill North Flare Station Repairs	\$1,583,050	\$1,583,050	Solid Waste	King
11	King County	Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$3,500,000	\$277,843,000	Sewer	King
12	Lake Forest Park Water District	McKinnon Creek Wellfield Critical Security Improvements <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$200,000	\$200,000	Water	King
13	Lexington Flood Control Zone District	South Fork McCorkle Creek Stormwater Detention Facility	\$4,700,000	\$5,470,000	Storm	Cowlitz
14	Lincoln County	Tipping Floor Restoration/ Safety Upgrades	\$155,650	\$155,650	Solid Waste	Lincoln
15	Quincy	Wastewater Reuse Project <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$10,000,000	\$21,663,000	Sewer	Grant
16	Seattle	Fairview Ave N Bridge Replacement	\$10,000,000	\$42,363,000	Bridges	King
17	Snohomish County	35th Ave SE Phase II SR 524 to 180th St SE	\$3,000,000	\$12,344,000	Roads	Snohomish
18	Snohomish County	180th St SE SR 527 Brook Blvd	\$3,000,000	\$9,474,500	Roads	Snohomish
19	Spokane, City of	Sunset Reservoir Restoration <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$1,412,000	\$1,412,000	Water	Spokane
20	Thurston Co. PUD No.1	Water System Safety and Energy Efficiency Improvements <sup>SRF-INE</sup>	\$1,027,730	\$1,027,730	Water	Thurston
21	Vancouver	City Street Light Conversion to Light Emitting Diode	\$4,815,500	\$4,815,500	Roads	Clark
22	Walla Walla, City	Isaacs Avenue Improvements - Phase 2	\$3,962,051	\$8,732,641	Roads	Walla Walla
23	Walla Walla, City	Sudbury Landfill Area 7 Cell 3 Construction	\$2,978,197	\$3,355,000	Solid Waste	Walla Walla
24	Wenatchee	Miller Street Re-Alignment And Storm Repairs	\$4,826,089	\$5,770,800	Roads	Chelan
25	Whatcom County	Slater Road/Jordan Creek Fish Passage Project CRP #915007	\$5,000,000	\$5,550,000	Roads	Whatcom
		<b>Total Recommended:</b>	<b>\$97,102,265</b>	<b><u>\$483,143,850</u></b>	<b><u>Total Project Costs</u></b>	

SRF-INE: State Revolving Fund Ineligible

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*The Public Works Board is a 13-member Governor-appointed state policy board, founded in 1985, that provides financing and technical assistance to help local governments meet critical infrastructure needs that address public health, safety, and the environment.*

